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Region I
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Subject: Former American Glue and Resin Removal Site
Middleton, Massachusetts
From: Gilberto Irizarry, OSC, EPA Region I
To: See Attached Distribution List
POLREP No. 3
Site Id No. 016K
Response Authority: CERCLA
NPL Status: Not Listed
Start Date: December 23, 1998
Completion Date: N/A

I. Site Information

The Former American Glue and Resin Site (the Site) at 40 School Street, in Middleton, Essex County, Massachusetts is a former glue manufacturing facility which consists of an unoccupied single-story concrete block building of approximately 10,000 square feet on a parcel of approximately 3.2 acres. Manufacturing operations ceased in the early 1990's. In September 1998, EPA and representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) identified approximately 500 labeled and unlabeled drums inside the unoccupied facility. Most of the drums appeared to be in very deteriorated condition and some were observed leaking contents on to the concrete floor.

For additional background information, please see POLREP No. 1.

II. Response Activities

Week of 1 February 1999

The ERRS crew continued drum sampling and staging operations. A total of 102 samples were collected during the week. In addition, glue sticks found in the building were collected and placed in cubic yard boxes. On Friday 5, February, 96 drum samples were brought to the nearby L.A. Donovan removal action site for hazard categorization (HAZCAT) analyses by ERRS chemist Gary Benham. Five samples were sent to Rhode Island Analytical Laboratory for full analyses.

On Wednesday, 3 February, EPA Region 1 Health and Safety Officer (HSO) Robert Hinton, START HSO Paul Callahan, and ERRS HSO Kevin McMahon conducted a health and safety audit and found the health and safety protocols in place at the site to be in good order.

On Wednesday, 3 February, a second trailer truck located in the rear of the site building was removed from the site by a salvage company contracted by the owner of the property.

Week of 8 February 1999

The ERRS crew continued drum sampling and staging operations. A total of 271 samples were collected for HAZCAT analyses. This completed the sampling of all drums on-site.

On 11 February, OSC Irizarry, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Erin Heskett, MADEP representative Steve Roberson and START member Amirault met with Middleton Board of Health Agent Leo Cormier to provide a site progress update and to address concerns voiced by neighborhood residents. OSC Irizarry and CIC Heskett visited various residents of School Street to follow up on previous phone conversations.

Week of 15 February 1999

The ERRS crew began drum overpacking and staging operations. A total of 123 drums were overpacked during the week.

Week of 22 February 1999

The ERRS crew completed overpacking and staging of all drums. A total of 184 drums were overpacked during the week. In addition, the ERRS chemist completed drum HAZCAT analyses and began determining waste streams for disposal bids. On Wednesday, 24 February, Dave McIntyre, Chief of Site Evaluation and Response I, visited the Site.

III. Costs

Cost Information

| | Ceiling | Estimated Expenditure | Balance |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
| ERRS | \$ 500,000* | \$ 157,983 | \$ 42,017 |
| START | 75,000 | 16,000 | 59,000 |
| Contingency | 115,000 | 0 | 115,000 |
| EPA | 100,000 | 13,000 | 87,000 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| TOTAL: | \$ 790,000 | \$ 186,983 | \$ 303,017 |

* EPA obligated \$200,000 to IT/OHM.

IV. Future Plans

- 1) Samples from above ground tanks will be collected and analyzed.
- 2) Soil samples will be collected from on-site locations in order to evaluate potential soil contamination.
- 3) ERRS will prepare bids for transportation and disposal.

CASE PENDING

5/7/99 POLREP DISTRIBUTION LIST

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